



Post Library is convenient, free resource for community

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APG News

The next time you need a good book to read or just need a quiet place to relax, consider using the APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation Library.

Located in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, the library is open to Soldiers and their Family members, civilians, retirees and contractors.

Although small in size, the library offers a selection of more than 10,000 items including fiction and non-fiction videos, magazines and audio books. Items that cannot be found in the library can be requested through an interlibrary loan system.

The library houses about 4,000 DVDs that include everything from new releases, foreign films, TV series and fitness videos to Blu-ray movies and video games.

Librarian Mike Lacombe said the DVDs are, by far, the most popular item. And he called its convenience one of the facility's high points.

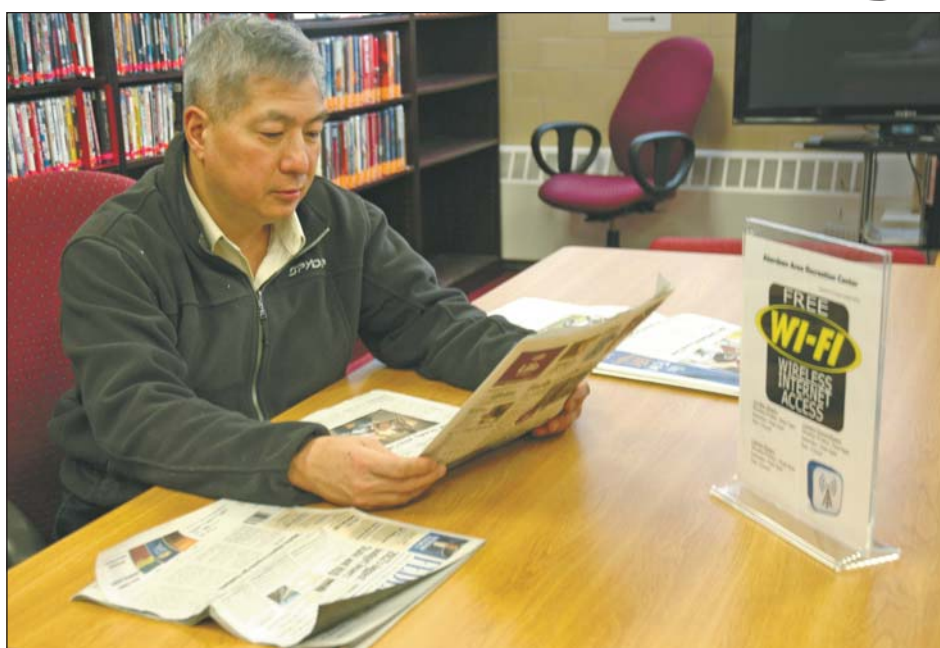
"On their lunch break, patrons can grab something to eat at the North Side Grill," said Lacombe, "then come and check our selection."

He said patrons can enjoy free Wi-Fi and printing, photocopy, fax, and scan capabilities.

"And the computers are in the process of being connected to the recreation center's Wi-Fi, so soon everyone will be able to use them rather than just CAC-holders."

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Community members can enjoy books, magazines, print and copy services and free DVD rentals.



Defense bill affects pay, separation bonuses

By **KAREN PARRISH**

American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama recently signed the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, which increases active-duty and Reserve pay by 1.6 percent and governs Defense Department activities, from procurement to military personnel policy.

Several provisions in this year's act will potentially affect active-duty and retired service members and their families.

Section 347 requires DOD to finance an independent assessment of overseas troop basing, advising retention, closure, realignment or establishment of U.S. military facilities outside the United States "in light of potential fiscal constraints on [DOD] and emerging national security requirements in coming years."

Section 402 reduces authorized Army minimum end strength from 562,000 to 547,000. The other services' authorized minimum strengths are unchanged, with 325,700 for the Navy, 202,100 for the Marine Corps and 332,800 for the Air Force.

I have signed the act chiefly because it authorizes funding for the defense of the United States and its interests abroad, crucial services for service members and their families and vital national security programs that must be renewed.

President Barack Obama

Section 512 of the act creates a new member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which currently includes the Army and Air Force chiefs of staff, the chief of naval operations and the Marine Corps commandant. The new member will be the chief of the National Guard Bureau, who will have responsibility for "addressing matters involving non-federalized National Guard forces in support of homeland defense and civil support missions."

Section 526 extends voluntary separation pay and benefits authority, formerly

set to expire Dec. 31, to the end of 2018. Section 530 converts the high-deployment allowance from mandatory to authorized. The allowance currently pays \$100 a day, in addition to all other pay and allowances, to a deployed service member who has been deployed 401 days or more out of the preceding 730 days.

Section 701 limits annual Tricare enrollment fee increases for retirees and their Family members to an amount equal to the

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RDECOM welcomes senior civilian leader

By **DAVID MCNALLY**

RDECOM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command welcomes its top civilian leader with the coming of the New Year.

Dale A. Ormond, incoming deputy to the commander, began work Jan. 3. Although he is no stranger to Aberdeen Proving Ground, he toured facilities here Dec. 13-14 and met with RDECOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. Nick Justice.

Ormond comes to RDECOM from the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he served as deputy to the commanding general since 2008.

He previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Elimination of Chemical Weapons) and as acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement.

Ormond assumes the position vacated by Gary P. Martin, who left in November to become deputy to the



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CIO aims to consolidate, close 185 data centers by FY14

By **J.D. LEIPOLD**

American Forces Press Service

Before more than 500 information technology business representatives, the Army's chief information officer said the service plans to consolidate data centers and close at least 185 by fiscal year 2014.

Lt. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence said the Army Data Center Consolidation Plan is a top priority as she addressed the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association's IT Day conference themed "Building the Army's Warfighter Enterprise of 2020 -- Effective, Affordable and Defensible."

Lawrence set the stage for her talk by playing a videotaped presentation by the Army Vice Chief of Staff. In the videotape, Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli said it was an imperative that the Army Data Center Consolidation Plan reduce by at least half the more than 9,000 applications spread out on more than 24,000 servers worldwide without losing operational effectiveness.

"NETCOM and 7th Signal Command will ultimately serve as the single IT integrator for every post, camp and station Army-wide and commands will be

expected to work directly with them to identify issues so we can develop a realistic schedule for ADCCP much like we did for BRAC," Chiarelli said.

"This is about improving our security posture and providing the consolidated infrastructure to support LandWarNet. It's about good governance, well-defined business practices and positioning our Army for the next generation of computing while improving our warfighting capability," he said.

While reducing the number of data centers is an Army focus, the bigger picture is the Office of Management and Budget tasking to reduce 800 data centers by the close of FY15 of which a quarter are Army. Lawrence said it's about putting data where it needs to be so that users have secure access to the information no matter where they are in the world.

"It's all about the data, not about physically shutting down data centers -- that's what we're getting at as we move forward with this," she said. "Being able to connect the next deployers, real-time on

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Army to replace 2 brigades in Europe with rotating units

By **JIM GARAMONE**

American Forces Press Service

Ground forces will remain important to the U.S. defense strategy, but the employment of the forces will change, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta recently said.

In an interview on his way to Fort Bliss, Texas, Panetta said that the Army will withdraw two brigade combat teams from Europe, while retaining a strong presence in the region via rotational units.

The change is part of a new, 10-year defense strategy announced by President Barack Obama that emphasizes air-sea doctrine to better allow the United States to confront more than one threat at a time, Panetta said. Still, ground forc-

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OPINION

Keeping your 2012 resolutions

As the new year dawns, millions of Americans will take part in the time-honored tradition of making resolutions to better themselves. But statistics show that before January is even over, most will have given up. Many have gone through this cycle so often that the very idea of New Year’s resolutions creates a cynical sneer and a resolution not to make resolutions. However, before you join the ranks of the unresolved, here are a few tips to help you keep yours.

Resolution defined

A resolution is nothing more than a decision, a goal, something we have resolved to do. We often think it has to be something dramatic that will change your life, such as quitting smoking or losing weight, but any goal can fit the bill, such as learning to scuba dive or completing a home-improvement project. At 68-years-young, Priscilla Fleischer, Hohenfels Family Advocacy Program Manager, decided she wanted to run “the original” marathon in Greece. After the Battle of Marathon in 490 B.C., a messenger ran the entire 26.2 miles to Athens to bring news of the battle. The annual marathon today retraces the same route. Though she’d never run even a third of that distance before, Fleischer was determined to give it her best shot. “I enjoy challenging myself to do something hard, something I haven’t done before,” Fleischer said. “If I fail at it, at least I’m going to try it.”

Know your outcome

You can’t hit a target if you don’t know what you’re aiming at. Studies have shown that the more definite your goal, the more likely you will achieve it. For instance, resolving to lose weight is not as effective as deciding to lose 25 pounds by the Fourth of July. If Fleischer’s goal had merely been to run a marathon, she could easily have delayed while getting in shape, or by searching for the most convenient race. By picking the marathon in Greece, she gave herself a specific date and a defi-

The real key to reaching your goal is in knowing why you want it. As German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche put it, “Given a big enough ‘why’ people can bear almost any ‘how.’”

nite goal to pursue. “I have to have a goal I’m working for because then it gives you something to look forward to, something I want to do, something that’s fun for me, that I’m already enjoying thinking about,” said Fleischer.

Have compelling reasons

The real key to reaching your goal is in knowing why you want it. As German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche put it, “Given a big enough ‘why’ people can bear almost any ‘how.’” Many people create resolutions based on something they feel they ‘should’ do, or something someone else wants them to do. These are much harder to keep because the driving force is not compelling enough. The more reasons you can come up with, the more likely you will find the motivation to keep pushing forward. For Fleischer, the catalyst was her daughter’s wedding. “I wanted to look elegant as the mother of the bride, so I thought, I need to start exercising,” she said. “The problem is when we start on a goal, we’re all gung ho for the first two weeks, and then the motivation starts to wane.” Fleischer agrees that the key is to have reasons big enough to keep you striving to achieve your goal. Not only did she want to lose weight but staying healthy was major motivation. “I’m 68, and I need to keep my health together. I want to be around to see my grandchildren.”

Commit and get started

Once you’ve set your goal, commit. Tell a friend; post it on Facebook. Don’t just think about doing it. Start. It is said that action precedes motivation. If you wait for the perfect day to begin running, for instance, it’s likely something will come up or you’ll get distracted. As the old Nike

commercial used to say, “Just do it.” As the day of the marathon loomed, Fleischer and her running partner, Patricia Scott, considered not following through. But not only had they already committed to each other, there were financial commitments as well. “We already paid!” Fleischer laughed. “We had our plane reservations, we had our hotel. We have to at least go!”

Break it down

Sometimes people lose motivation because their goal seems so distant, so unachievable. It helps to take a large goal and break it down into achievable chunks. For example, losing 25 pounds may seem daunting, but striving to lose one pound per week becomes doable. In addition, by creating small successes you will build momentum toward the big goal. “The first time I ran, we went for like two blocks,” said Fleischer. “So, I started a competition with myself to see if I could run a whole mile.” Fleischer used the same technique during the marathon, concentrating on just pushing herself a little further. “They had the kilometers marked, so I’d say, okay, you made it 22, I can do 23; okay I made it to 23, I can do 24,” said Fleischer.

Pat yourself on the back

When you achieve each small chunk, celebrate the victory. Allow yourself to feel the success. The good feelings generated will create a desire for more, and give you more confidence as you take aim at the next phase of your goal. “The first time I ran a mile, I was so excited,” Fleischer said. Then a colleague at work who also jogged told Fleischer that she regularly ran five miles. Though that number seemed astronomical at the time, Fleischer set her sights on that goal.

Feel the fear, and do it anyway Fear of failure paralyzes many people, and they have difficulty even beginning a goal because they don’t want to put in the effort only to fail. Fleischer says we can’t let pride get in our way. “You have to fail at something first before you can learn it,” she said. “If I’m going to do anything, I have to be prepared to do it poorly at the beginning because I’m only learning it. If I’m open enough to make mistakes and do it wrong, then I have a chance of being able to learn something new.” Another way to look at failure is that as long as you are still trying, you haven’t failed. You are still in the game until you give up. If you fall, just pick yourself up and start again. Before deciding to run the marathon, the furthest Fleischer had ever run had been 7.5 miles. But she wasn’t afraid to fail. “I was prepared to not finish it,” she admitted. “I was so nervous. But I figured I could at least finish it by walking even if it took me 24 hours. I would do it only for myself. I didn’t have to do it by anybody else’s standards but mine.” Her long months of training paid off, and Fleischer actually finished quite high amongst her age group. “I never thought I could do anything like that,” said Fleischer. “But I did it; something that was a big challenge, that I wanted to do for so long, that I could just say for myself that I did that and be proud of it.” What could you achieve if you weren’t worried about failing? Give yourself the gift of striving for a challenging goal, and the pride of going for it 100 percent. Let 2012 be the year you finally achieve your resolutions.

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U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels

Fans don’t let fans drive drunk: Pass keys to sober DD before Super Bowl begins

Super Bowl Sunday is one of the year’s most dangerous days on the nation’s roadways due to impaired driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 130 people, representing 39 percent of all traffic fatalities, died during the 2006 Super Bowl weekend in crashes involving impaired drivers with blood alcohol concentration levels of .08 or higher. NHTSA reports that young males, ages 21 to 34, are most likely to be involved in automobile crashes, to drive while impaired and to be among those least likely to wear their safety belts. Research also shows that this same demographic is the core audience for

major sporting events such as the Super Bowl. But alcohol-related crashes--and fatalities--can be prevented. Designating a sober driver before the Super Bowl party begins is just one of several easy steps to remember to help save lives. **If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:** Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in an impaired driving crash. Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers. Serve lots of food--and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages.

Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter and begin serving coffee and dessert. Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy, and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving while impaired. **If you are attending a Super Bowl party or watching at a sports bar or restaurant:** Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself--eat enough food, take breaks and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks. Designate your sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys. If you don’t have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call

a cab, friend or family member to come get you; or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober. **Remember Wingmanship!** Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired. And always buckle up--it’s still your best defense against other impaired drivers. Pass your keys to a sober driver before the big game begins. The life you save might just be your own. For more information, contact Cindy Scott at 410-278-4013/DRUG or Cynthia.M.Scott4.civ@mail.mil or visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org or www.TeamCoalition.org.

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Public and confidential financial disclosure reports (OGE Forms 278 and 450)

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It's that time of year again. If you are a federal employee or military member, your supervisor may be telling you that you need to file a financial disclosure form called the OGE Form 450. This article provides a general overview of financial disclosure reporting in the government. A federal law called the Ethics in Government Act requires certain federal employees to file financial disclosure reports.

Active duty general officers and members of the Senior Executive Service file the Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278), and certain other government employees, GS-15 and below, or in the rank of colonel and below, file the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450).

The annual OGE Form 278 is due May 15, while the annual OGE Form 450 is due Feb. 15. New entrant reports must also be filed within 30 days after assuming a position. Termination reports are required for OGE Form 278 filers within 30 days after leaving a position. Extensions may be requested for good cause. OGE Form 278 filers assigned to a combat zone may also take advantage of an automatic combat zone extension.

The OGE Forms 278 and 450 assist in identifying potential conflicts of interest, and serve to ensure the integrity of the government. As the titles imply, the OGE Form 278 is releasable to a member of the public, while the OGE Form 450 is confidential and may only be disclosed within the government on a strict need-to-know basis.

An online, secure, web-based system known as Financial Disclosure Management (FDM) is used in the Army for filing the OGE Forms 278 and 450.

The following items are reportable on an OGE Form 278: diversified mutual funds, sector funds, stock, bank accounts, other assets and income, financial transactions, gifts, liabilities, and positions held outside the U.S. government.



It's the Law

The OGE Form 450 is a shorter document and does not require the detail needed for the OGE Form 278. For example, diversified mutual funds and bank accounts are not reportable on the OGE Form 450.

Who files the OGE Form 450? In general, a supervisor may determine that an employee must file if the employee participates in contracting; or other activities in which the final decision will have a direct and substantial effect on the interests of any non-federal entity. However, certain personnel are excluded from having to file, such as Captains and below, GS-6 employees and below, individuals who make annual purchases totaling less than \$150,000, and Reserve personnel.

Public service is a public trust and carries a responsibility to ensure that every citizen has confidence in the integrity of the federal government. Employees can serve to fulfill this responsibility by adhering to the principles of ethical conduct, including the requirement that they do not participate in any matters in which they have a financial interest.

Employees can also serve to fulfill this responsibility by properly completing and timely filing the OGE Forms 278 and 450 if required to do so.

This article is intended only as a broad overview of financial disclosure. Contact your servicing legal office for more information on OGE Forms 278 and 450.

FOR YOUR INFO

Office of the SJA ethics counselor Mike Hoyle will conduct OGE 450 Training for Supervisors Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Myer Auditorium.

Military spouses can apply for scholarships through Jan. 31

Military spouses can apply online through Jan. 31 for the National Military Family Association's Military Spouse Scholarships. The Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are open to spouses of active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retirees, Spouses of the Wounded, or survivors.

National Military Family Association scholarship funds are for military ID-carrying spouses only. If you are selected for a scholarship, you must prove you are a military spouse and you must be able to enroll in your school or program and show proof by April 1.

The mission of this scholarship program is to help prepare military spouses for meaningful employment and to better contribute to their family's financial security.

Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board for:
■ High School GED or

- English-as-a-Second-Language
- Vocational or Technical Certification Programs
 - Licensing Fees
 - Undergraduate School
 - Graduate school
 - In-class or online programs
 - Full-time or part-time

To apply:
■ Applications are accepted online only at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.
■ You must have a valid military ID.
■ You must answer all questions.
■ You will be judged based on your answers to the short-answer questions and an essay question.

Important Dates
Scholarship decision letters will be emailed by March 15. Winners will be announced online in June.
For more information, visit www.militaryscholar.org/ or e-mail scholarships@militaryfamily.org.

Incoming RDECOM senior NCO visits command staff

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie recently met with leaders of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command -- his new duty station, effective March 2 -- to discuss its support to Warfighters.

Beharie will assume duties as RDECOM's senior noncommissioned officer from Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, who will be retiring. He will lead the command's 80 enlisted Soldiers at its APG headquarters and seven research centers with offices around the world.

Marin, Sgt. Maj. Matt DeLay and Sgt. Maj. William Tager briefed Beharie on RDECOM's role in providing solutions to Soldiers in the field through engineering and science. DeLay and Tager have served tours as the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the RDECOM Field Assistance in Science and Technology-Center, or RFAST-C, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

RDECOM Soldiers and civilian engineers comprise RFAST-C, the Army's command center for science and technology activity for Operation Enduring Freedom. Its mission is to provide timely answers to technical problems coming from Soldiers in theater.

Beharie also met with RDECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, RDECOM Deputy to Commander Dale Ormond and APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz during his two-day visit to APG.

Beharie has served as the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade's command sergeant major at Fort Campbell, Ky., since April 2009.



Photo by Conrad Johnson

Incoming RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie, right, talks with Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, left, and Sgt. Maj. Matt DeLay about his new role at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Jan. 10.

Ormond named RDECOM Deputy

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commander, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, also at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

During Ormond's December visit, he toured several RDECOM facilities, including the U.S. Army Research Laboratory; the Communication Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity and the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Ormond comes to RDECOM at a

time of transition. RDECOM's commanding general is scheduled to retire in February.

According to his official biography, Ormond is a former Navy submarine officer. He is a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental Systems Engineering from Clemson University.

Ormond also has Level III certification in Department of Defense Acquisition Program Management. With a

background in nuclear safety, industrial facility operations, and nuclear/chemical waste disposal, Ormond's resume spans more than 25 years with the Department of Energy and Department of Defense.

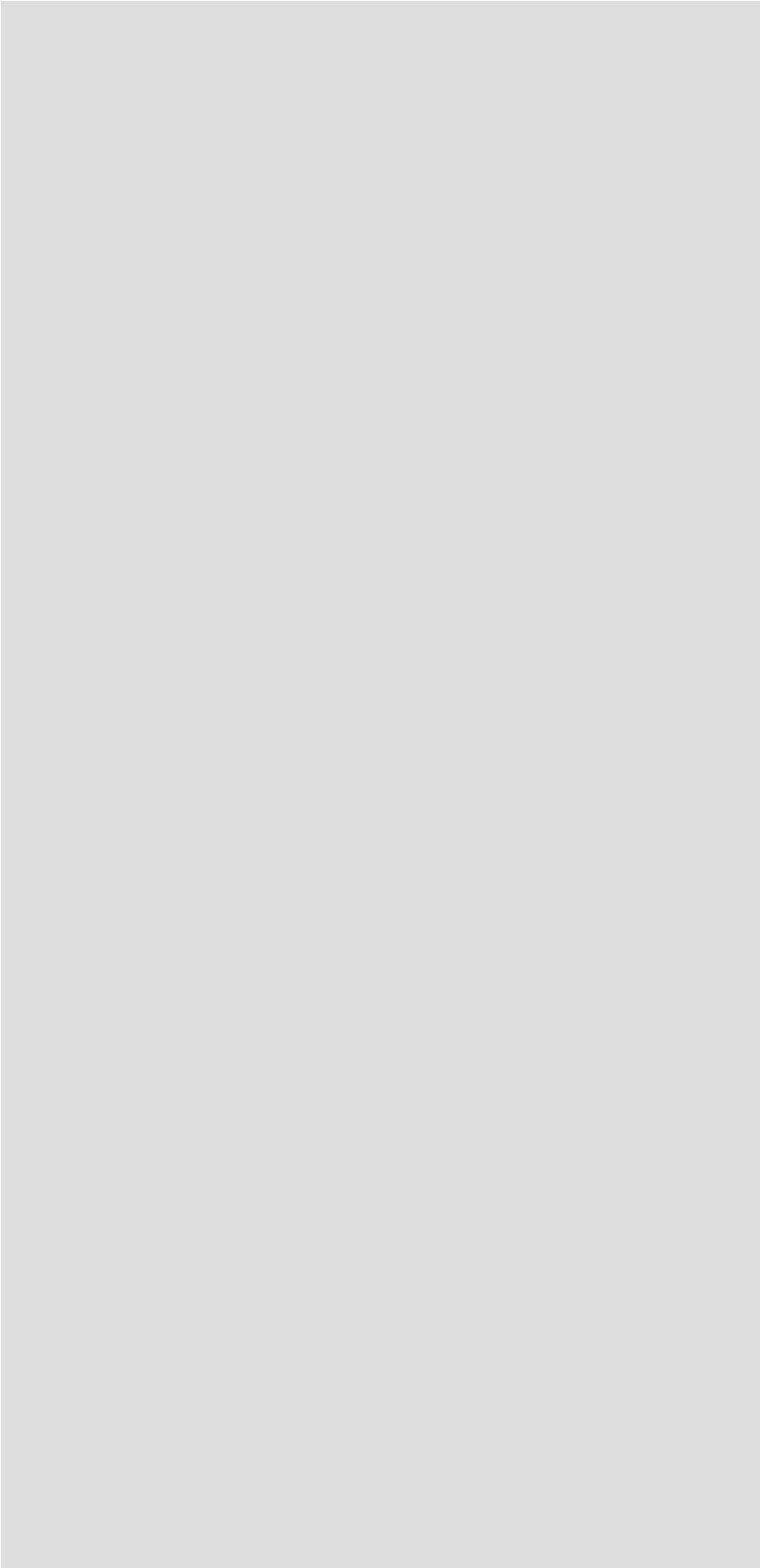
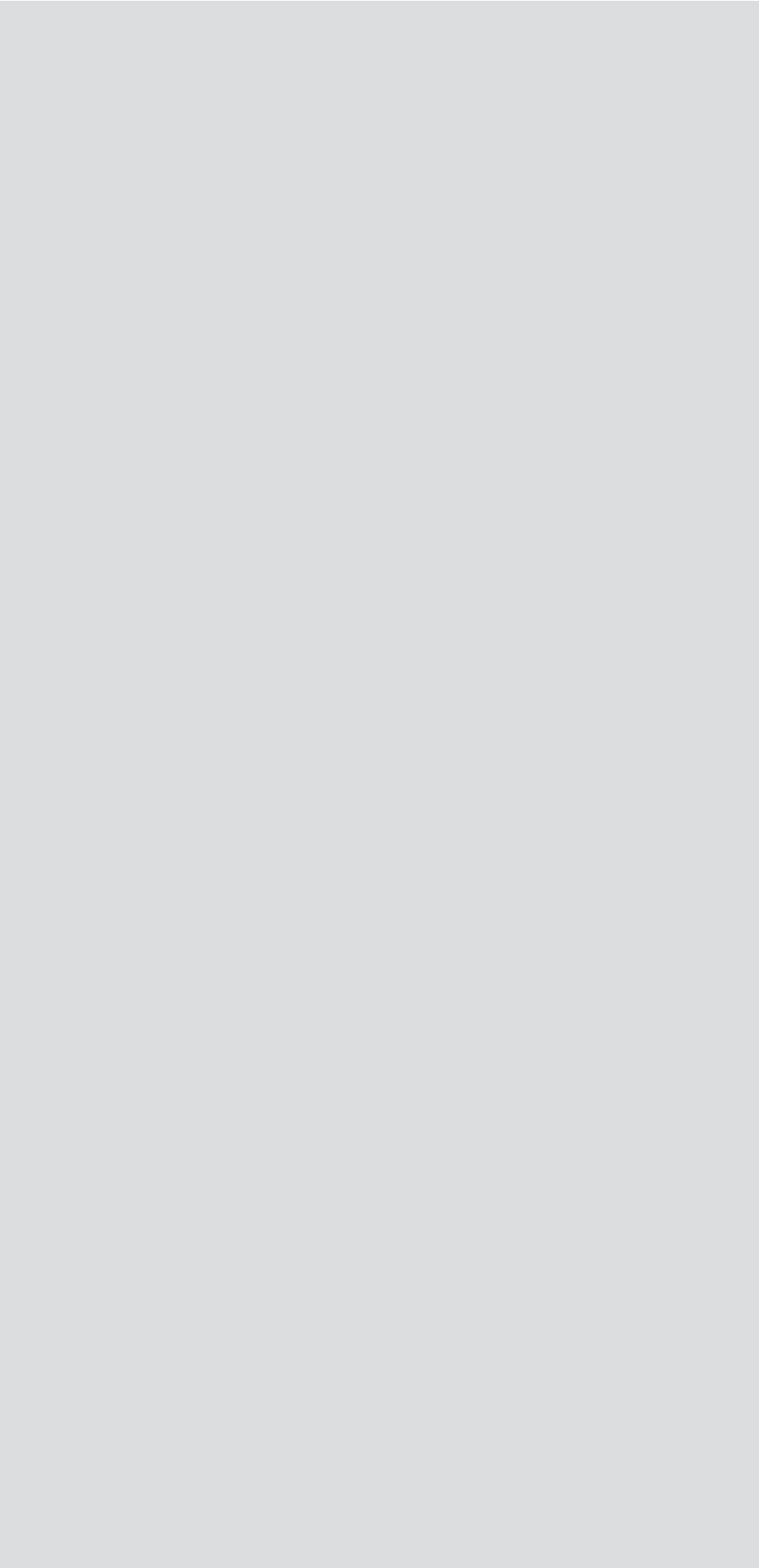
Ormond was selected for Senior Executive Service in July 2004.

Dale A. Ormond assumed the top civilian job in the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Jan. 1.



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FAMILY AND MWR

Open Mic Thursday

Are you talented? Can you sing? Play an instrument? Open Mic Thursday at Ruggles Golf Course is your time to show off your talent. This month's Open Mic event is Jan. 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. The event will be hosted by Lou Melo of Melo Times Karaoke. Admission is free.

There will be complimentary bar foods, limited snack bar operations and a beer and wine cash bar. All participants must be 18 or older. For information, call 410-278-3854.

Family Readiness Group Meeting

The next FRG meeting is Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. on the second floor of Bldg. 2503 in the CYSS classroom. The FRG allows attendees to network and share information, experience, and knowledge on the unique challenges faced in assisting Family members maintain readiness throughout the Deployment Cycle Support process.

Open to all FRG leaders, Family Readiness support assistants, unit leadership and senior spouse advisors.

Please call 410-278-2180/7572 for information.

CWF Scrapbooking Crop

The Civilian Welfare Fund will host a scrapbooking crop at the APG North Recreation Center, Bldg 3326, on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gather your photos and enjoy a day of scrapbooking with friends. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a full day of cropping, lunch, snacks and door prizes. Call 410-436-4467 today to reserve a spot or table.

Hearts Apart Valentine's Day Card Making Celebration

ACS HEARTS APART is another way to stay connected in the community and learn what ACS has to offer you and your Family. As part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant, ACS will host a get-together designed for Hearts Apart Families to decorate a card for their deployed spouse. This event will be held at ACS, Bldg. 2503 High Point Road, Feb. 1, 6 to 7 p.m.

There will be light refreshments

for all who participate. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DoD civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for separation during deployments and TDYs. ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience. Call 410-278-2464.

Recharging Your Marriage

Just in time for Valentine's Day, this four-part series is designed to help married couples rekindle the spark in their marriages. Whether married for 20 years or 20 days, this seminar will help married couples rediscover each other in a forum-style setting. Rather than spend a whole lot of money taking your spouse out for Valentine's Day, give each other a gift that will last for years to come and plan to attend this seminar. Each seminar will be in ACS Bldg 2503. The seminar times and dates are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, March 8, April 5 and May 3.

Child care will be provided. Refreshments will also be served. For information or to schedule child care, call 410-278-2435.

How to Smart Start Your Small Business

Army Community Service is hosting seminars where future entrepreneurs will learn How to Smart Start Your Small Business and realize their dreams of owning a small business. These free seminars will provide an overview of ways to start a small business, teach the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and prepare future small business owners to write a business plan. Services offered by small business development centers will also be discussed.

All seminars will be held in ACS Bldg. 2503. The seminar times and dates are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 8, April 11, June 20, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 and Nov. 7.

Space is limited, so please reserve your slot early. For information or to reserve a seat, call 410-278-6996/7572.

Ways to Handle the Stress of Parenting

Who said parenting was easy? While it is the most rewarding job, parenting also comes with its struggles. Army Community Service will hold a seminar to equip individuals with tools to overcome struggles faced by every parent. The seminar is April 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in ACS Bldg. 2503. The program is designed to help parents develop new coping skills when feeling stressed.

For information, call 410-278-2435.

2012 APG MWR Travel Fair

Are you planning a vacation? Let MWR help with this year's travel plans during the 2012 APG MWR Travel Fair, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the APG North Recreation Center ballroom, March 29.

The Fair is open to all DoD cardholders and their Families. Representatives from local attractions will be present to answer questions.

Don't forget to enter to win some of the fabulous door prizes including hotel stays, bus trips, theme park tickets, gift certificates and more.

Complimentary light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.



MORE ONLINE

For a listing of FMWR activities and events, or to read the weekly MWR newsletter, scan the code.

January bowling specials

- Early Bird Special from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Bowl for \$1.50 each game. Shoe rental \$1.00 a pair.
- Every Saturday one hour of bowling for \$18.00
- Every Friday night after 9:30 p.m. one hour of bowling for \$12. Rental includes up to six people and shoe rental.

Bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturday costs \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sunday.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of January 17

Special #1: Tuna salad sandwich with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Special #2: Double Bacon Cheeseburger with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.55.

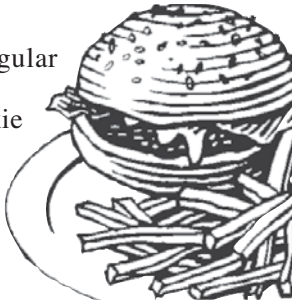
Week of January 23

Special #1: Gyro with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Special #2: Pork BBQ with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041.

Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Post Shorts

IEPP program halted

The IMCOM program designed to place over-hires from one installation in vacancies at another installation has been temporarily halted. Check the *APG News* and APG Facebook page for updates on the Internal Enterprise Placement Program, or call CPAC’s Carolyn Russell at 410-306-0173.

FRG Forum today

A Family Readiness Group Forum is set for Jan. 19 in Bldg. 2503 on the second floor, CYSS Room, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The FRG Forum presents an opportunity for a team of Family support personnel to network and share information, experiences, and knowledge on the unique challenges faced in helping Family members maintain readiness throughout the Deployment Cycle Support process.

The forum is open to all FRG leaders, support assistants, unit leadership and senior spouse advisors. Child care will be provided for children registered with Child, Youth & School Services. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 410- 278-2180/7572.

Women in Defense Luncheon today

Suzanne Milchling, director of Program Integration for ECBC, will be the guest speaker for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter’s Women in Defense Luncheon, at the Beechtree Restaurant, 811 South Stepney Road in Aberdeen Jan. 19. Registration begins 11:15 a.m.; the buffet luncheon is 11:45 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. Cost is \$23 for members; \$26 for non-members. RSVP to www.widmidatlantic.org.

Military engineers meeting

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post January 2012 meeting will be at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 19. This month’s featured speaker is Tom Kuchar, P.E., Director of Public Works, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Kuchar’s presentation is titled, “Aberdeen Proving Ground - NET ZERO Water Program.” Register online <http://www.same-chesapeake.org> or call 410-638-9699.

Entertainment season underway for APG Theater Group

The APG Theater Group begins its 2012 Theater Workshop at the APG North recreation center Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. If interested in auditioning or being a part of the crew for upcoming productions, stop by Jan. 23 to sign up and discuss your interests with Tricia Devine, the group’s director. Upcoming productions include the murder mystery “I’m Getting Murdered in the Morning,”

a dinner comedy presentation of “39 Steps,” the youth drama “Beauty IS a Beast,” “DRACULA,” “Miracle on 34th Street,” and “Scrooge.” All productions are subject to change due to availability.

Teaching Seminar

A Teaching as a Second Career Seminar is scheduled for Jan. 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Janet Barr Building on Susquehanna Avenue, Bldg. 4305, 2nd Floor, Room 219. Topics include:

- Discussion of Troops-to-Teachers program
- Pathways to teaching (certification, or licensure process)
- Financial assistance (TTY, federal, and state funding)
- Advantages and disadvantages of teaching
- Desired attributes of teacher candidates
- Salaries and job market
- Individual counseling

Melissa Fantozzi, the regional program coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Troops to Teachers (NJ, DE, MD & DC) Office of Certification and Induction, Department of Education, will be the key speaker.

Call Tressie Stout, education services specialist, at 410-306-2042 for information.

Susquehanna MOAA

Susquehanna Chapter, Military Officer Association of America invites all military officers of the APG community, all services and status, and their spouses to dinner, 6:15 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 26, at The Clarion Hotel in Aberdeen. Col. Jeff Holt, commander of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, will be the guest speaker. Contact retired USAF Lt. Col. Jeff Brock, at brockja01@gmail.com or (410) 836-9373 for more information and reservations.

ASMC PDI set Jan. 26

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Chesapeake Chapter is hosting a Mini-Professional Development Institute Jan. 26 at Bulle Rock in Havre de Grace. Themed “The Future Is Now,” the chapter’s first full-day training event will feature current Resource Management and Acquisition topics, the latest in professional development opportunities, and motivational speakers.

The cost of the event is \$130 for ASMC Members (\$160 non-members) and will include lunch and CPE credit. Those interested in becoming an ASMC Chesapeake Chapter member should visit <http://www.orgsites.com/md/asmc-chesapeake/index.html>. ASMC is a non-profit educational and professional organization for military and civilian personnel involved in the overall field of military comptrollership.

Better Buying Power briefing

In response to Secretary Gates’ June 4, 2010, guidance that the DoD must significantly improve effectiveness and efficiency in acquisition and the Better Buying Power guidance issued from USD (AT&L) on Sep 14, 2010, DAU working with USD (AT&L), the SAEs and CAEs has developed a briefing to help inform the workforce of the background and intent of the Better Buying Power initiative.

DAU faculty will deliver the BBP presentation Thursday, Jan. 26 to interested members of the APG community. There will be two standalone sessions— from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m.. The presentations will be delivered in the DAU facility at 6175 Guardian Gateway. RSVP by Jan. 19 to Vanessa Crump at vanessa.crump@dau.mil, 410-272-9475 or Parker Bennett at parker.bennett@dau.mil, 410-272-9471.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Irene M. Zoppi will relinquish command of the 203d Military Intelligence Battalion to Lt. Col. Jeffery P. Risner during a change of responsibility and promotion ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. William Duffy, commander of the MI Readiness Command and Col. Stephen C. Gomillion, commander of the National Ground Intelligence Center 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Dickson Hall, Ball Conference Center, Bldg. 3074. Reception to follow. R.S.V.P. with the number of guests to 410-278-5566 or email rita.hewitt@usar.army.mil. Civilian dress is business casual. Military uniform is duty.

Resiliency Training slated

Resilience is the ability to meet challenges and bounce back or recover during or after difficult experiences. Learn about resilience and the competencies that contribute to it: self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character, and connection. Resilience Training is set Jan. 31 at the Aberdeen main post chapel, Bldg. 2485, Classroom 3, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Build positive emotions that counter the negative bias and leads to better health, better sleep, and greater life satisfaction.

Manager/Supervisor EEO Training

The APG Equal Employment Opportunity Office will host Equal Opportunity Training for Supervisors and Managers, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Bldg. 3147, Room 208, Feb. 9.

The purpose of the training is to increase awareness of specific equal opportunity-related responsibilities unique to supervisory and managerial positions within the federal government.

Awareness of program requirements and command Affirmative program/Equal Employment Opportunity goals are critical for those who are in leadership positions that impact the civilian workforce.

Attending Equal Employment Opportunity training will enable managers and supervisors to clearly: a) articulate commitment to fair, inclusive, non-discriminatory workplace free of harassment; b) state expectation for employee conduct; and c) understand personal accountability for a successful Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

Equal Employment Opportunity training for supervisors and managers is recommended within 45 days of assuming responsibility as a manager or supervisor. Sign-up through ATTARS course code: RB8AEEO or contact Charles Thomas at 410-278-1131 or charles.e.thomas47.civ@mail.mil.

2012-13 fellowship program accepting applications

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is currently accepting applications for the 2012-13 SSCF program through March 15. The SSCF Program is a 10-month educational opportunity conducted under the auspices of the Defense Acquisition University at Huntsville, Ala., Warren, Mich., and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

The SSCF program prepares government civilians at the GS-14/15 levels or equivalent for senior leadership roles by provides training in leadership and acquisition. Program components include completion of DAU’s Program Management Course (PMT 401), courses in leadership, applications of acquisition to national defense issues, research in acquisition topics, mentoring, and a distinguished speaker program.

For complete program information and application requirements, visit <http://asc.army.mil> or <http://www.dau.mil>

For more information about the program, contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.

It’s Mardi Gras time

The Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host a Mardi Gras Gala in support of its annual scholarship program for promising scholars from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, Md., Feb. 25. The formal event includes dinner and dancing. Tickets cost \$60. For tickets or information, call 443-243-9216.



MORE ONLINE
More shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.

Community Notes

MONTH OF JANUARY EDEN MILL EVENTS HISTORIC GRIST MILL MUSEUM

For those who like to take a step back in time, Eden Mill is the sight that can’t be missed. For more than 200 years, the mill was one of the most significant grist mills in Harford County. Filled with milling equipment and displays along with a vintage turn of the century power plant, the Historic Grist Mill Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (through February) and most Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 410-836-3050 or visit edenmill.org.

NATURE STORYTIME

Eden Mill Nature Center is proud to offer “Nature Story Time” at 11 a.m. Jan 26. Enjoy a children’s story and craft related to a theme about nature. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-836-3050; e-mail edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit edenmill.org.

SATURDAY CRITTER FEEDING

Eden Mill Nature Center will offer feedings on Saturdays, through March 10 at 1 p.m. for Families. Take a turn feeding one of the turtles or snakes. Space is limited to 10 participants. Pre-register at 410-836-3050 or e-mail edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit edenmill.org

FAMILY CANOE TRIPS

Reservations are now being taken for Eden Mill Nature Center’s Sunrise Paddle & Twilight Family Canoe Trips. These trips help acquaint the paddlers with the natural surroundings on Deer Creek. Exploration of the environment, both the land and the water, is enhanced by the use of canoes to travel along Deer Creek. During these excursions, environmental education and interpretation are provided by the naturalist accompanying the group. Basic paddling instruction is provided before the trip. Canoes, paddles, and personal floatation devices (lifejackets) are provided. All trips originate and end at Eden Mill. Saturday morning trips begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at about 11 a.m. Thursday evening paddles begin at 5:45 p.m. and end at about 8:30 p.m. Our season begins May 3 and runs through Sept. 29, 2012. The cost is \$5 per person for members and \$8 per person for non-members. Pre-registration required by calling 410-836-3050 or e-mail edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com, or visit edenmill.org.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4 EAGLE EYES

Meet former ACLEC naturalist and eagle researcher Jess Baylor at the Conowingo Dam parking lot off Shures Landing Road for a brisk hour of observing the national bird at a local hotspot for eagle activity. This

program will be held 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 8 to adult, 8 to 12 with adult. The program is free, but online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CREATIVE QUILLING

What is quilling? It is the art of coiling paper into shapes that look complicated but are really simple. Try making a snowflake and make it simple or ornate. This program will be held 11 a.m. to noon. for ages 8 to adult. The program is free, but online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This program will be held 1:30 p.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required.

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INVASINATORS

Become a part of the volunteer team of invasive plant removers and

native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the Reserve each meeting date. Participants receive an Invasinators t-shirt after attending two work days. This program will be held 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The program is free, but online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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WINTER WOVEN BASKET

The winter season is a perfect time for crafting. Weave a unique basket to hold decorations, gifts, or to serve warm baked goods. This program will be held 1 to 5 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$20 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

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MORE ONLINE
More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.

Library has something for everyone

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And all of those benefits, said Lacombe, are in addition to the cost savings. For a clearer picture of just how much the library is worth (in retail dollars), he encourages patrons to use Interactive Library Use Value Calculator at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.

Nelder Smothers, a library technician who has worked at the APG library for 24 years, said her favorite part of the job is chatting with the “regulars” who frequent the library.

“Not everyone who works on post knows that we are here, but we do have a group of people that we see on a regular

basis,” she said. “You get to know most people, and that is something that you couldn’t do at a big public library.”

Smothers said the library staff is ready to assist patrons with research questions and can help them use the Army Libraries section of the AKO website, which includes many reference databases like Academic OneFile, Military and Intelligence Database, and dozens more.

Children’s selections with easy books, chapter books and DVDs make the library a family-friendly environment, said Smothers. In the summer the library participates in the DOD MWR Library Sum-

mer Reading Program in which children in elementary through high school can earn prizes by tracking their reading time.

Milton Eng, a PEO C3T employee, said he enjoys visiting the library to catch up on current events during his lunch break.

“It is a quiet place for me to relax and read the paper,” said Eng. “It is very convenient; it’s centrally located on post.”

Library information

The APG library is located in the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 3326, across the street from the athletic center on Erie Street.

The check-out period for most items is three weeks; one week for new DVDs. Patrons can check out three DVDs at one time. There is no limit on other items.

Hours and contact

The library is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and federal holidays.

The web-based library catalog can be accessed at www.mylibraryus.fmwr.net/search~SO2. For more information, call 410-278-3417 or e-mail Michael.lacombe@us.army.mil.

Obama approves military defense bill

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percentage by which retired pay increases that year.

Section 702 sets mental health assessment requirements for service members deployed for contingency operations. The act calls for a series of assessments: one within 120 days before deployment; another during the period between 90 days after a deployment begins and 180 days after it ends; a third within a year after the deployment ends; and a fourth between 18 months and 30 months of redeployment.

The act states assessments are intended to “identify post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidal tendencies, and other behavioral health conditions in order to determine which such members are in need of additional care and treatment for such health conditions.”

Assessments are not required for service members “not subjected or exposed to operational risk factors during deployment in the contingency operation concerned,” the act states.

Section 954 affirms that DOD “has the

capability, and upon direction by the president may conduct offensive operations in cyberspace to defend our nation, allies and interests,” subject to the law of armed conflict and the War Powers Resolution.

Signing the bill into law today, President Barack Obama acknowledging “serious reservations” about parts of the act, particularly provisions that regulate the detention, interrogation, and prosecution of suspected terrorists.

“I have signed the act chiefly because it authorizes funding for the defense of

the United States and its interests abroad, crucial services for service members and their families and vital national security programs that must be renewed,” Obama said in a statement released today.

The act also contains critical initiatives to control spiraling health-care costs within the Defense Department, develop counterterrorism initiatives abroad, build the security capacity of key partners, modernize the force and boost the efficiency and effectiveness of military operations worldwide, he noted.

Joint Information Enterprise

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the network they’re going to fight on is about having a single identity, a single environment.

“We’ve already migrated more than 300,000 of our brave men and women to enterprise email -- and again, I tell you, this is not about email, it’s about single identity,” Lawrence said, noting that there are already 13,000 Marines, Airmen and Sailors on the network with Army.

Joint information enterprise is the future, she said, and it’s already happened in the European theater with AFRICOM and EUCOM having already shut down their individual networks. Army is now the single service provider for the entire European theater.

“Now the Pacific has asked us to come over and look at how we could do

it for them as well and the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff are going to move over to this environment by the end of January, early February,” Lawrence said.

Lawrence added that the individual service CIOs are absolute partners, so it only makes sense to adjust to a single, joint information enterprise architecture and solution.

“The end state is we’re going to be able to go anywhere in the world and connect to any government computer no matter where we are,” she said. “We’ll be able to deploy as a joint task force with little to no notice, not changing email address, not changing our networks and not changing our configurations; so we’re going to build it joint from the beginning.”

Officials say change will be good

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es will remain important, and Soldiers and Marines will continue to deploy to Afghanistan and be on the Korean Peninsula and partnering with nations around the globe.

“We will continue to maintain our presence both in the Middle East and Asia,” the secretary said. “Yes, we’ll have the Navy and the Air Force, but in my experience, in any conflict you need to have the potential use of ground forces.”

Panetta said he is excited about the prospect of using Army units on a rotational basis, as in the Special Forces and the Marine Corps.

“Getting the Army to deploy to areas conducting exercises providing, most of all, a partnership with countries in Latin America, Africa, and other countries where we

can show the flag” is important, he said.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno is particularly excited about the ability to develop that rotational capability, Panetta said.

“It will keep the ground forces very meaningful in the future,” he said.

As the Army replaces the two brigade combat teams with rotational units, the Europeans actually will see more U.S. forces because the American forces in Europe have more often than not been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, Panetta said.

DOD officials have spoken to European leaders about the withdrawal and they understand why the change will be good for the U.S. military and NATO allies, senior defense officials traveling with the secretary said.

APG Snapshot

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.

EXHIBIT SHOWCASES YOUTH ARTWORK

Sandy Saunders, a CERDEC employee and mother of two children attending the APG North youth center, chooses her favorite artwork during the center's annual art exhibit at the APG Bowling Center, Jan. 11-13. Guests were asked to vote on their favorite pieces in several categories and age groups. Winners will be entered in the regional 4-H Fine Arts Competition. "I think it's excellent that they are encouraged to create art. I love seeing what young minds can create," said James Raymond, a government contractor, who studied art in college.

Photos by Rachel Ponder



REC NIGHT KICKS OFF WEEKEND

(From left) Drake Garner and Zack Morgan play a game of pool during Friday Night Rec, held every Friday night at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center for middle school and teens from 6 to 9 p.m. Other activities include basketball, ping pong, foosball and video games. Friday Night Rec is a free program for all eligible CYSS middle schoolers and teens.



FUTURE PREPARATIONS

Shelbi Popwell, 15, receives help creating a resume from Jay McKinney CYSS HIRED! program coordinator, during a teen workshop at the APG North youth center Jan. 4. The Youth HIRED! Apprentice Program offers 15 - 18 year-old students whose Families work on APG a chance to gain real-world career experience and get paid a stipend while working in a variety of positions at FMWR activities. Call 410-278-3250 for information.



GATHERING OF SENIOR MANAGERS

(From left) APG Senior Managers Melanie Murrow, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense; Robyn Lee, MRICD; Kurt Schultz, Logistics & Readiness Center; and Nick Saacks of CECOM LRC, address discussion questions during the kick-off meeting for the APG Senior Manager Association. The event provides a forum for GS14/15s and equivalents to exchange ideas and discuss manager issues facing APG. Meetings will be held quarterly. Call 410-436-0807.



NEW HOMES TO BE DELIVERED NEXT MONTH

Sixteen townhouses for noncommissioned officers on Ocean Court, in Bayside Village on APG North (Aberdeen) will be delivered next month. Two hundred and ten new homes in Bayside Village will be completed this year, which will be for NCOs and company grade officers. Picerne Military Housing is also scheduling nine to 16 major historic renovations in the neighborhoods of Plumb Point and School Street in APG North as well as Everett Road in APG South (Edgewood) for 2012, depending on vacancy of the homes.



The Baltimore Museum of Industry features a replica of an early 20th century machine shop. Baltimore used coal and steam up until around 1880 when electricity was introduced to local industries. These machines were steam driven then converted to electrical power.

Learn about Baltimore’s rich history at industry museum

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

See the history of industries that built Charm City by taking a trip to the Baltimore Museum of Industry. The museum, located in the old Platt Oyster Cannery, has exhibits on various types of Baltimore-based manufacturing and industry from the early 20th century to today.

For those who are interested in history, engineering, machinery or just have a natural curiosity about how things are made, the museum has several exhibits that are worth visiting. Located close to the Inner Harbor, the BMI includes several galleries that recreate a cannery, a garment loft, a print shop, and the 1910 pharmacy where Noxzema was invented.

The museum also features exhibits on the food industry from Baltimore-based businesses like McCormick, Domino sugar and Esskay, and has a number of smaller exhibits on automotives, light bulbs, umbrellas, paint, tin roofing, electronics and the broadcasting and gas industry.

Jessica Williams, the museum’s marketing and special events coordinator recommends that Families visit the museum on non-school days, because that is when the museum is least busy and offers free tours to all guests.

Tour guides demonstrate different trades such as printing and metalwork. Visitors who know little about life before computers will be amazed at how labor intensive was the process for producing newspa-

pers and other publications. The exhibit includes hand-operated presses as well as a working linotype machines, the industry standard for newspapers, magazines and posters from the late 1800s to the mid -1900s.

Other attractions include transportation vehicles, such as a 1922 steam roller, a 1914 moving van, and a 1937 Mini-Mariner, the flying prototype of the World War II flying boat bomber, restored by some of the same Baltimore-area workers who built it.

Williams said the museum offers a sense of nostalgia to older visitors who might remember some of the items and machines of the past.

“This museum is a generational museum, meaning that people of every age can relate to this museum in some way” she said. “The older generation will remember many of the items displayed, and they can talk about it with their children or grandchildren, who might be seeing these items for the first time.”

Williams also recommended guests bring a picnic lunch and take some time to enjoy the picturesque views of the Inner Harbor, which can be viewed on the museum grounds. Several exhibits are included outside, including the coal-fired S.S. Baltimore, the only operating steam tugboat in the country, a National Historic Landmark that has been restored and maintained by a team of volunteers.



Located in the print shop section of the museum, this stationary flat bed and the flywheel were used as a “portable” press by Enoch Prouty in the1870s. The press was designed and built so it could be disassembled, easily moved, and operated by hand or power.

About BMI

The BMI is located at 1415 Key Highway in Baltimore; museum hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for Seniors age 60 and older, 6 for children 6-18, Free for children 6 and under. The BMI is a Blue Star Museum, which means that troops and their Families can receive free admission from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

For more information, visit www.thebmi.org, call 410-727-4808, or e-mail info@thebmi.org.



This display shows Black and Decker electrical tools from the early 1900s. In 1910 S. Duncan Black and Alonzo G. Decker started their second manufacturing shop in Baltimore.



The entrance to the BMI features this Clyde Whirley Crane which was used at the Bethlehem Steel Key Highway Shipyard from the early 1940’s to around the 1970’s. It was used to repair the ships damaged during WWII. After the war jobs turned to converting some of the ships into cruise ships, cargo ships and for other purposes.